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LB 711, 801

bill for specific amendment, AM1758. (Legislative Journal page 1762.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen, recognized on your motion to return LB 711 to Select File.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The motion to return is to provide the opportunity to the members of the Legislature to address the contents of LB 801, which is a proposed retirement plan for the at-will employees of the Legislative Council. This came about rather quickly and I'm trying to sort through the stuff...the information. But, as all of you know, the at-will employees, those of us that...those employees of the Legislative Council that work in our offices have rather unusual job circumstances that are reflected in many, many times by the available retirement benefits that they might expect to have because of the uncertainty of the employment. LB 801 proposes to bring some stability to that and make provisions for those types of employees who have worked here at some time in the past or are working here now in ways that...in job situations that are not...are not typical of those who...those employees who participate in the personnel system retirement plan that have what might be called career employment with the...with the Legislative Council. I know there are others that wish to speak to this motion, and I would like to give them time during this motion to return, if that would be permissible by the Chair. But it is to amend LB 801 in an amended version, AM1758 to LB 711. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. On the motion to return LB 711 to Select File, Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the first I've seen the amendment here, which basically I assume is LB 801 in one of the amended versions. But I can tell you the Retirement Committee spent a great deal of time looking at this. I'm bothered by the fact we're trying to amend this bill. This bill is critical for a number of reasons, in fact it's critical tonight because one of the provisions of LB 711, should we pass it tonight, is that there is a death benefit for surviving spouses of teachers. Right now you have